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Blow for Blow



Soundphoto—An anti-tank gun is rapidly put into position in forward area on the German Belgian border, to repel a strong German counter attack in the 1st Army sector.

U.S. Signal Corps Radiophoto

His Holiness Gives Communion



ROME—Soundphoto—His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, is shown giving communion during the celebration of midnight Christmas mass in St. Peter's, Vatican City.

OWI Radiophoto

Guadalcanal Express



Enough, and on time, is a slogan of the Army's Air Transport Command, which ferries supplies by air to all our far-flung battlefronts. Here is a C-54 cargo plane, being unloaded with the use of a forklift truck at Carnoy Field, Guadalcanal. This equipment was purchased with War Bonds. Are you buying at least an extra \$100 War Bond during the Sixth Drive?

Official U. S. Army Photo

RATION TIMETABLE

MEATS & FATS—Red Stamps Q-5 through X-5, in Book Four, now good for 10 points each. Red tokens, worth one point each, used as change.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps X-5 through Z-5 and A-2 through G-2 in Book Four now good for 10 points each.

SUGAR—Sugar Stamp No. 34, in Book Four, good for five pounds. It is expected that a new sugar stamp will be validated Feb. 1.

FUEL OIL—Period Four and Period Five coupons of 1943-44 issue and Period One and Period Two coupons of 1944-45 issue valid to Aug. 31. All coupons worth 10 gallons a unit.

GASOLINE—A-14 coupons good for 4 gallons each, through March 21. B-5, C-6, B-6 and C-6 coupons good for five gallons each until further notice.

SHOES—Airplane Stamps Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in War Book Three good for one pair of shoes each indefinitely.

GOULD TEAMS TRAVEL NEXT WEEK

The Gould Academy basketball team resumed practice last Tuesday after a long vacation. There is no game scheduled this week in time to get back into condition. However, next week the team plays two games, both of them away.

On Wednesday the varsity will meet Bridgton Academy at North Bridgton in a return engagement. Gould lost to the Bridgton quintet 15-17 in an overtime contest earlier in the season and are going into this scrap with a determination to even up the count. This should be an interesting game as the teams are closely matched. Bridgton will have an advantage, however, in playing on their own floor.

On Friday the Varsity and Second teams will both travel to Norway for games. Norway won its opening game last week and looks to have a good club. No matter what Norway has for a team its always a "battle-royal" on their small court.

PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE INSTALLATION HELD TUES.

The officers of Pleasant Valley Grange, West Bethel, were publicly installed Tuesday evening by Ralph Peabody, Assistant Steward of New Hampshire State Grange. He was assisted by Mrs. Mildred Ryerson as Marshal, Miss Alice Hurley as Emblem Bearer, and Miss Margaret Wright, regalia bearer, all of Winthrop Grange, Shelburne.

The program included remarks and stories by Mr. Peabody and refreshments were served in the dining room. There was an attendance of 48.

Officers installed for 1945 are: Worthy Master—Olive Head Overseer—Herman Bennett Steward—Wilbur Davis Lecturer—Doris Walker Chaplain—Ruth Grover Asst. Steward—Bernard Rolfe Secretary—Paul Head Treasurer—Clara Smith Gate Keeper—Phaedrus Luxton Flora—Carla Bennett Ceres—Frances Bennett Pomona—Ruby Rolfe L. A. Steward—Clara Rolfe

Missing In Action

Word was received Tuesday that Harold Anderson S2-c is reported missing in action. He entered the Navy 11 months ago and recently has been on duty in the Pacific. His father, John C. Anderson, lives in Bethel and he has a brother, Charles Anderson RT1-c, also in the Pacific and a sister, Mrs. Helen Sprague, at Leadville, Colo. The destroyer Hull, on which he has been stationed, is one which is reported by the Navy today to be lost in a typhoon while in Western Pacific combat operations.

Pvt. George Logan, son of Mrs. Carrie Logan of Albany, is reported missing in action in the European war area.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coffin of North Woodstock have received word that their son, Pvt. James Coffin is missing in action.

MAINE RAISES 143% OF 6TH WAR BOND QUOTA

Maine exceeded its quota for the 6th War Loan Drive by a larger percentage than was attained in any of the previous State campaigns. Final figures announced today by the Maine War Finance Committee show it to have been 143%. The assigned quota was \$53,000,000 while sales reached \$75,733,000. Maine was, also, the first in New England to reach its E Bond allotment. This was \$12,000,000 with buyers taking a total of \$13,888,000, or a 116% record, which is the highest percentage achieved by any state in New England.

Savings Banks bought \$20,424,000 of bonds against a quota of \$10,000,000. State and local governments invested \$3,165,000; insurance companies \$1,800,000; building and loan associations \$427,000.

GUILD ENJOYS SUPPER AND MUSICAL PROGRAM

The Guild met Wednesday evening for a pot-luck supper at the home of Mrs. E. F. Ireland. A business meeting followed, after which Miss Ann Griggs presented the following musical program:

Vocal solo and encore, Virginia Potter
Vocal solos, Evelyn Vinton
Piano solo, Jessie Jones
Judy Cole

The next meeting will be at the home of Harriet Merrill Jan. 23.

BETHEL LOCAL NEWS

Miss Carrie Wright spent several days in Boston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Card of Norway are in town this week on business.

Sgt. Richard C. Sweetser has recently been in the hospital for asthma.

Mrs. Nancy Andrews of Bryant Pond visited friends in town several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. French of Norway were guests of Mrs. Frank Bartlett Sunday.

Miss Norma Hunt returned Sunday from Boston, Mass. where she visited her sister.

Miss Ann Griggs returned Saturday from Morrisville, N. J. where she spent her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Compass have gone to New London, Conn. where they have employment.

Mrs. Guy Swan is a patient at the Rumford Community hospital where she underwent surgery last week.

SOM3-c and Mrs. James Brown are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born this morning.

Mrs. Winfield Howe returned Sunday from Bath where she has spent the past two weeks with her husband.

Mrs. Barbara Kitzky returned home Sunday from the C. M. G. Hospital in Lewiston where she underwent surgery.

Jimmy Browne, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Browne, returned home Thursday from a hospital in Cambridge, Mass.

Misses Alice Pierce, Marilyn Marshall and Barbara Coolidge of Lewiston spent the week end at their homes in town.

Mrs. Philip W. Daye and Dr. R. R. Tibbets were in town recently to get Philip Daye who has been a patient there. His condition remains the same.

Gerry Brooks, who has been spending the past two months with his daughter, Mrs. Douglas Langille, at Sudbury, Mass., returned home Monday.

Richard C. Sweetser S1-c has been promoted from S2-c to S1-c. He was transferred from Willow Grove, Pennsylvania to Coronado Calif. last October.

William P. Shapleigh of Portland State Representative of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc. was a business visitor in town Wednesday afternoon.

William Thurston of Lewiston was in town Saturday, landing a Fish and Game Commission plane at Mayville. Thurston, now a game warden was one of the first aviators to land in town in 1932. While in town he called on Mr. and Mrs. Philip Daye.

Fewer Tires This Month

Maine's quota of Grade I passenger car tires for rationing during January is 9,833, a reduction of 808 under the December figure, Thomas E. Jordan, Associate Maine OPA Mileage Rationing Officer, said today.

Maine will have 390 fewer truck tires, size 7.50 and smaller, available for rationing during January, the quota being set at 1799. The allotment of truck tires, size 8.25 and larger, for January is 576, a cut of 34 under last month's figure.

The smaller tractor tire quota for this month is 139, both slight increases over last month.

Maine has received an allotment of 28 automobiles for rationing during January, the same figure as for last month.

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V-Mail Must Be Used More As Forces Grow

The importance of an increased use of V-mail correspondence with phases in the present campaign of the Army and Navy promoting the use of the V-mail service. It is pointed out that the use of this service is more urgent than before because of the greatly increased number of men now overseas, the extended supply lines, need of full use of cargo space, and the continued importance of a steady flow of mail to the morale of service men.

Maj. Gen. F. H. Osburn, Director of the Information and Education Division of the Army Service Forces, stressed letters as morale builders. "In my various observations trips to overseas theaters," he said, "both in the Pacific and in Europe, I have been impressed by the great importance of mail from home in keeping up the morale of troops. I would often urge that letters be written often by all families and friends to soldiers; that such letters should be in a cheerful vein; and that they be sent by the swiftest means. Short notes, coming along frequently, and with good news as their theme, will do far more for the overseas soldier than long letters at long intervals, especially if they should be packed with troubles about which the soldier can do little, at his distance, but worry."

Army and Navy postal services agree that three factors have been responsible for recent decreases in V-mail volume. Mrs. Edna York, however, the factors were out of the ordinary, temporary conditions. During the coming months, the conditions do not hold true.

1. Weather conditions during the late spring and summer months were favorable to regular air-mail schedules. Almost completely unbroken weather gave rise to the idea that air-cargo service could at all times conveniently transmit letters more expeditiously than V-mail.

2. During the summer, air space available by chance permitted the transportation of some regular mail by air. This is not the rule, but it did create a false impression in the minds of both civilian correspondents and service recipients. As an example, the Navy points out that during July and August excellent flying weather permitted 100 percent of Navy mail to go by air. In November, only 54 percent could be carried by plane because of bad weather or tight cargo space.

3. In the wave of overoptimism that followed fast Allied advances in Europe and naval victories in the Pacific, the public grew lax in its conscientious attempt to conserve transport space by using V-mail.

Air Mail Should Be Faster

More men overseas means more mail, and a consequent drop in ratio of the amount of letters marked air-mail that can be carried by Army postal officers pointed out. All things being equal, a letter marked will go faster than V-mail, which requires about one and one-half days for processing on each end. But, during wartime, an airmail stamp on a letter going overseas does not necessarily assure its transmittal by plane, officers said.

During the coming months, when weather is normally unfavorable to flying schedules, which will affect swift air-mail transmission. On North Atlantic routes in particular, the Army says, flying may be impossible for days at a time. As air-mail sacks pile up, they may be rerouted by ship. On the other hand, V-mail will be dispatched by plane the moment the weather breaks. Even with a gap of 10 days, the V-mail in such a case will arrive before the letter stamped air-mail but carried by ship.

Navy postal officers cite the ever-extending supply lines of the Pacific as an additional reason why V-mail should become the major form of correspondence to outposts. As an example, they point out that 10 plane-loads of mail to the Hawaiian Islands would be a relative waste, always one-stop flight by the planes to carry the same amount of mail, however, to the Philippines.

FREEMAN HEADS LOCAL MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE

Charles J. Freeman will act as chairman for the local fund appeal of the March of Dimes, which begins next Monday and continues through the celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday on Jan. 31. Through the courtesy of Supt. of Schools Carrie Wright, arrangements for contributions of pupils are being made at the schools.

SIX JOIN LIONS CLUB

Six members were initiated at the meeting of the Bethel Lions Club Monday evening. Dr. Willard Boynton gave a very interesting talk. Twenty-two members and one guest were present.

FREIGHT WRECK HERE TUESDAY MORNING

Seven cars including the caboose of an east bound freight train were derailed Tuesday forenoon at the west switch in the Bethel yard. Most of the cars were swung to the passing siding but a large refrigerator car remained across the siding and main line. No cars were overturned or over the embankment and no one was injured. The west bound passenger train was held here until about 5 p. m. when the track was cleared.

P. T. A. MET MONDAY EVENING

The P. T. A. met Monday evening at the Grammar School building. It was voted to have a Food Sale during January. Committee, Mrs. Hilda Donahue, Mrs. Julia Pratt, Mrs. Jane Van Den Kerckhoven, Mrs. Ruth Lord and Mrs. Iva Hutchison. It was reported the school lunches will be served next week. A membership drive will be held in charge of Miss Gwendolyn Stearns.

The following program was enjoyed: Flute and Clarinet Trio, Amy and Gertrude Penner and Jerry Davis; Reading, Doris Lord; Trumpet Solo, Donald Lord; Book Review, "Our Way Down East" by Elmer Graham, given by Mrs. R. R. Tibbets.

The program committee for February meeting is: Mrs. Maxine Brown, Mrs. Edna York, and Mrs. Mildred Judkins.

LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary enjoyed a pot-luck supper Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Roy Moore. A business meeting followed with 12 members present. A sunshine box was filled to be sent a sick member. Several letters were read and plans to have the capes made were discussed.

The next meeting will be Jan. 23 at the rooms.

Islands, almost 5,000 miles beyond Hawaii necessitates dividing the trip into two or three laps. Each lap of the route often requires more planes. On the other hand, one plane could carry in V-mail form the equivalent of 45 plane-loads of air-mail.

The space economy of V-mail is unquestionably the major reason for its use. A single reel of V-mail containing 1,800 letters fits into a three and one-quarter inch square shipping carton weighing about seven ounces. Eighteen hundred letters on ordinary stationery weigh 45 pounds.

Both Army and Navy ask that civilians use V-mail for four out of five letters and save air-mail for the occasionally long letter or one requiring enclosure.

V-mail continues to be the safest form of mail yet devised. Each processed roll of V-mail is marked with a number. Originals of letters on this roll are retained until outposts stations have radioed back has arrived. Originals are then destroyed. If a roll falls to arrive letters on that roll are reprocessed and sent immediately.

Admittedly, Army and Navy postal officials point out, V-mail does not allow for the long rambling letter, enclosing snapshots, newspaper clippings, cartoons, etc. V-mail does offer however, is the very frequent letters for which men overseas are eager. V-mail forms permit a handwritten message of from 200 to 300 words, a typewritten one of 500 to 700 words. Sent with frequency and with regularity the short letters mean more to morale than infrequent letters containing long messages.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Nazis Fall Back in Belgium As Yanks Stem Offensive Threat; Living Costs Show Small Gain

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the writer and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



Lt. Gen. Mark Clark, commander of all Allied forces in Italy, points out former German positions on Gothic line to delegation of visiting congressmen.

EUROPE:

Bulge Shrinks

With 26 of the U. S. 44 divisions reported in action against the German bulge in Belgium, Nazi Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's great winter blow appeared blunted, with field dispatches indicating that he was pulling his lines back.

But four miles from the Meuse river and 23 miles from Sedan at the peak of their offensive, the German lines shrank sharply as Lieut. Gen. George Patton's 3rd army swung up from the Saar to attack from the south and Lieut. Gen. Courtney Hodges' 1st army recovered its balance to slash in from the north.

Von Rundstedt's withdrawal movement was favored by the rugged terrain, for, in surprising the 1st army on December 16, he chose the rough and hilly Ardennes countryside.

As Von Rundstedt tried to pull in his forces under the heavy pressure of the 3rd and 1st armies, he sent out swarms of Nazi planes to blast at Allied air arm from raking his moving columns. Even so, zooming U. S. fighter-bombers and bombers ripped up enemy armor and trucks.

With U. S. pressure on the Saar relieved by the switch of Lieut. Gen. Patton's forces, the Germans went on the offensive against Lieut. Gen. Alexander Patch's 7th army on the southwestern end of the front, scoring small gains against stiff Yank resistance.

Ruin of a City

As both sides disregarded a plea from Pope Pius XII to withdraw from the city and spare residents the horror of bombardment, house-to-house fighting reduced the once beautiful Hungarian capital of Budapest to a shambles, with fanatical Axis troops resisting Russ advances.

Budapest's streets reverberated with gunfire, as self-propelled artillery and tanks rumbled down thoroughfares, swung sharply around corners, and opened point-blank fire on opposing units. Sharpshooters from cellars, Axis troops linked themselves up by breaking holes through adjoining walls.

Hitler Talks

Declaring "... in this war the German people cannot be brought to their knees by strength of arms nor will there again be a 9th of November, 1918 ..." a subdued but defiant Adolf Hitler told a suffering Reich on New Year's day that the end of the war will not come before 1946, unless by a Nazi victory.

Said the fuhrer: "... Except for the Jews, nobody in the Allied camp knows for what he is fighting. But the aims for which we are fighting are clear to all of us. It is the survival of the German people, it is our fatherland, it is our 2,000 year culture, it is the children and grandchildren of our people ..."

Referring to the attempt on his life last summer, Hitler said: "... The 20th of July brought about at the front sad military consequences ... Nevertheless the day has become a turning point in Germany's destiny because the attempt to annihilate the German people's social state by a plot hatched at the most bitter struggle has failed ... and I am in a position to assure you that this was the last attempt of its kind ..."

'Forgotten Front'

With all attention focused on the great battles being fought in western Europe, Italy, it seems, is the "forgotten front" of the present world war.

Despite the overshadowing of the Italian sector, it is still one of the most bitter of the war, with Allied gains measured in yards and at a heavy cost of men against a fanatical foe cleverly dug into the mountainous terrain, and giving ground only after painful approaches to his position.

U. S. SPENDING:

At Peak

With the government spending 89 billion dollars on the war alone, total U. S. expenditures reached 97 billion dollars in 1944 to establish an all-time record, preliminary figures showed. This compared with the outlay of less than 10 billion dollars in 1939.

In addition to spending more than at any other time in the nation's history, the government also collected more at 45 billion dollars and borrowed more at 62 billion dollars. For the first time, three war loan drives were held in one year.

Deducting the amount collected from that spent, the government wound up the year with a deficit of 52 billion dollars, to bring the total national debt up to 232 billion dollars. The 1944 figure of 52 billion dollars, however, was about 1 1/2 billion dollars less than the deficit in 1943.

TRAIN WRECK:

48 Killed

Slowed up by a freight train stalled by mechanical trouble, the Southern Pacific railroad's Pacific Limited with 300 persons aboard was creeping through the early morning over the Salt Lake marshes near Ogden, Utah, when a 20-car mail and express train roaring behind crashed into its rear, throwing coaches along the 40-foot causeway like jumbled links in a chain.

Late counts showed 48 persons killed and 81 injured as rescue workers cut through the twisted wreckage to remove the victims, many of



Injured soldier lifted from train wreck, whom were service personnel en route to duty after spending holiday furloughs.

Because of the shallow marshlands below the causeway, automobiles could not be driven to the scene, complicating rescue operations, and injured were removed by train for treatment.

NAZI AGENTS:

Seized by FBI

Trained in the use of high explosives, photography and radio operation in Germany and Holland, two Nazi saboteurs were nabbed by FBI agents in the New York district before being able to do any damage.

Landed by submarine off the coast of Maine with \$60,000 in U. S. currency, forged birth and draft certificates and secret inks, the two saboteurs were making the rounds of New York night spots in an effort to pick up information to radio to Germany at the time they were nabbed.

According to the FBI, one of the saboteurs was a former U. S. navy seaman named William Curtis Colepaugh, alias William C. Caldwell, who was discharged from service early in 1943 because of suspicions he held pro-German sympathies.

MANPOWER BARREL:

To Scrape Bottom

Uncle Sam will have to scrape the bottom of the barrel for manpower to meet production and military requirements in 1945, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes told a New Year's press conference, declaring that Selective Service "work-or-fight" orders, employment ceilings and restrictions on civilian output may not be sufficient to meet all labor needs.

With the army increasing its call for replacements and thus further draining the manpower pool, Byrnes said the drafting of the nation's 4,000,000 4-F's for industry or non-combat military duty would help maintain war production and release more active servicemen for fighting. Because the largest remaining source of young men is in agriculture, he said, the basis for farm deferments may have to be reviewed.

Termining government seizure inadequate, Byrnes asked for a strengthening of the War Labor board's authority to enforce its decisions on both capital and labor, so as to prevent the loss of production through work disturbances.

MEDICAL MARVEL

Weighing but 1 1/2 pounds at birth, tiny Elizabeth Ann Reymann, born in San Diego, Calif., has grown to 3 pounds, 6 ounces within 65 days in one of the "strangest cases in medical annals."

Confining to an incubator where physicians intend to keep her until she weighs 5 pounds, little Elizabeth has been relatively strong and able to kick about freely from birth, though only one out of a 100 babies a little over her weight have a chance of living at delivery.

Washington Digest

Maldistribution Factor In Europe's Food Crisis

Shattered Communication Lines Hamper Market Movements; Civil Strife Further Restricts Deliveries.

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator

WNU Service, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

Recently I saw a list of 12 European countries with an estimate of the number of calories consumed in each now, as compared with their inhabitants' prewar diet.

It was just at the time when the Greek revolt was well under way and only a tight lid was keeping the Belgian pot from boiling over.

The calorie consumption in those two countries was the lowest on the list, 67 and 68 per cent, respectively, of their prewar diet.

About that time Myron Taylor, the President's representative at the Vatican, was warning the Allies that if communism came to Italy, it would come over empty stomachs.

Adding up this data the natural assumption is that hunger is the chief cause of unrest in Europe. But it isn't as simple as that. I made some investigations and came upon a number of interesting facts which prove the dangers of over-simplification.

Number one is: Low calories may be a symptom and not a disease. In other words, disorganization and revolt affect the food supply as well as being affected by it.

Number two: Destruction and disorganization are the chief causes of famine and the type of destruction which affects the food supply is not the destruction of food. It is the smashing of railways and rolling stock and blowing up of bridges and doing other things that interrupt transportation. This has done more to create areas of starvation than any planned destruction of the crops themselves by the enemy.

Number three: Conditions are frequently worse after countries are liberated.

One common misconception which needs to be corrected is the total amount and distribution of the food shortage. Since Europe's food problems are of vital concern to America it might be well to clear up some of these erroneous ideas.

Problem Varies in Different Countries

In the first place, in the early years of the war the situation was painted too black. There were various reasons for this. Among them the fact that many countries exaggerated their plight, asking for more than they expected for fear of getting less than they really needed.

Later the picture was painted far too rosily. Through all this time the experts were not fooled but the public was.

"It is wrong to say that Europe is starving. It is wrong to say that nobody is starving or will starve," I was informed by a person who is in a position to know if anyone is.

The point is that the situation in various places varies greatly and here we come back to the question of transportation. We might use Greece as an example of a place where revolt has increased the seriousness of the food situation. One of the chief concerns of persons who had no political interest whatever in whether Greece became a purple monarchy or a bright red spot of communism, but who were interested in seeing that the Athenians didn't starve, was the fact that because of the fighting, shiploads of food lay untouched in the harbor of Piraeus.

Athens, Rome, Marseille are all in spots far distant from areas where surplus food exists. Normandy, for instance, could share some of her products with the south of France if there were any way to get the stuff across the country. The grain in the holds of ships in the harbor is no good to the people of Greece unless there is unrestricted passage to and from the docks and men who can unload and transport it to safety.

This question of proximity to supply explains why all over Europe the average consumption level of the farm population is 40 per cent higher than that of the people in urban or manufacturing communities.

One of the paradoxes of Europe's eating troubles is that in most countries the situation often grows worse instead of better after liberation takes place. Italy is an example of what mixed blessings liberation can bring.

BARBS... by Baukhage

The production of safety razor blades is sufficient for the current quarter, the WPA assures us. No excuse for the five o'clock shadow.

Stuart Chase says that once big business, big unions and big farmers moved in on the scene, it took big government to cope with them. Now if only John Q. Public grows big enough, he may get a show, too.

Here we begin to see how the twin demons of destruction work out.

As indicated, the direct destruction of food supplies either by bombing, of battle, or German sabotage so far has not been a major factor. Of course, the more rapidly the Allies remove the Germans, the less chance they have to steal the food or the crops and transport them. They had considerable time in Italy. On the other hand, on their hurried trip from Normandy to the Rhine the Nazis were far too busy moving to beg, borrow, steal or destroy. Where they have had a chance to squat as in the Netherlands, Poland and Czechoslovakia, the situation is worse. But until they knew they were going to have to get out of a country they did not wish to destroy productivity and the natives were fed. They had to keep the people alive to support their own military and economic activity and they expected they would have plenty of time to exploit later when they set up their own new order in Europe.

The factors in food production which suffered most were those involved in food processing. It is easier and quicker to wreck a flour mill or a milk plant than a farm. Some fertilizer factories suffered, and of course in Holland there was wholesale obliteration of arable land when the dykes were blown. This is almost permanent damage since the salt from the sea water will sour the soil for years to come.

Complex Economies

Cause Trouble

But there were other forces which began to work earlier.

Europe, before the war, produced most of what its own people ate. The things imported were tea and coffee, spices, and fats and oils.

They also had to import much of their cattle food and fertilizer. Germany, striving to be self-sufficient, built many plants for the production of seed oils and raised many oil-seed crops. This was true elsewhere in Europe and because more food value can be produced from the same resources directly than indirectly through raising food for livestock, the livestock was reduced.

Under these conditions, in order to get the greatest value out of food products, strictest regimentation was necessary. When the Germans left a country and controls vanished, conditions immediately became worse unless, under liberation, a stable government could step in immediately and reorganize.

This reorganization was impeded by the destruction of transportation, the disrupted economy and, in the case of countries like Italy, by the effect of fascist rule which has made the people lethargic, dependent and impotent and, departing, left them leaderless.

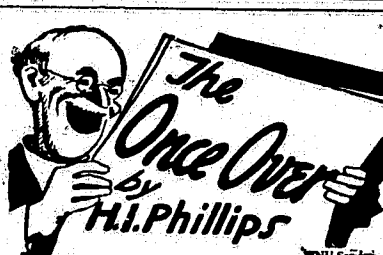
And so we see the vicious circle in operation—disorganization hampering the food supply, hunger and unrest preventing reorganization. For their own sake, the "haves" must feed the "have-nots." Time is of the essence, and casting bread upon these unhappy waters will be as profitable an investment as it is a gesture of mercy.

When General MacArthur rides up the streets of Manila some day, we hope not far off, he may have a mounted cavalry escort and if he does, three of the high-stepping members may be veterans of the battle of Bataan.

The first cavalry fought for months overseas as foot soldiers. A part of their job happened to be the capture of the racetrack at Tacloban on Leyte. Naturally every man cast envious eyes on some of the horses left there.

Later the horses were rounded up, and lo and behold, among them were three which were identified as having belonged to the 26th cavalry which had fought at Bataan. They were repatriated with acclaim and formed the nucleus of a mounted unit which has been doing excellent reconnaissance on the island.

So history repeats. In the Spanish-American war of 1898 dismounted U. S. cavalry were sent to the Philippines. Later a few horses were obtained and they proved so valuable that the whole regiment was mounted.



SENATORIAL CIGARETTE INVESTIGATION

Senator Wibble—As I stand here doing my part in the great battle for the preservation of that thing which is so dear to America, the cigarette, I sometimes wonder if my colleagues fully appreciate the part played by it in the life of our glorious country. What, I ask, would civilization be without it? What would democracy be with no smoke-rings curling above it? What would a free world be with no ashes on the rug?

Senator Bunkum—Does the Senator contend that the world could not survive on the old-fashioned clay pipe of our forefathers?

Senator Wibble—We have passed beyond the era of pipes. They are a relic of the days before mankind, and womankind, reached that stage of development where the very home was built around the cigarette. With the last drop of my blood I will hold the fort against those reactionaries who would plunge our wives, mothers, and sisters and kiddies back into those dark ages when nicotine-stained fingers were the privilege of princes and prelates, when the great blessing of blowing smoke through the nose was unknown to the masses, and when that great blessing to all mankind, the ashtray, was almost unknown.

Senator Toopsey—In my grandfather's time they had to use old saucers for trays.

Senator Bunkum—I remember my grandfather going around the old home looking in vain for something to empty his pipe into, and finally using grandma's ginger jar.

Senator Wibble (resuming)—My friends, this is one of the gravest hours in history. This country must face that great question, can our people get all the cigarettes they need, and upon which their lasting happiness depends. Deprive us of our cigarettes and you strike a blow at the very foundation of liberty.

Would Thomas Jefferson stand idly by today and watch long lines of mothers and daughters waiting patiently before the store offering but one pack to a customer? Would Jackson submit to cigarette rationing? Would Lincoln, Cleveland, McKinley and the great Teddy Roosevelt have stood unmoved by the suffering involved when thousands of our school children were obliged to reduce their cigarette quota by as many as two smokes per day?

Senator Toopsey (getting into the spirit)—The important place of the cigarette in our civilization is plain to all. With it we conquer, without it we fail. I have a few statistics here marking the extent of the crisis now confronting us. In 11 of the northern states 60 per cent of the women and children haven't been able to inhale in weeks. In 8 western states over 80 per cent of the wives and mothers do not know where their next smoke is coming from. In 4 border states the nicotine stains are fading fast.

A strong Democratic senator—Let us here and now place the blame for the cigarette shortage where it belongs, at the door of Herbert Hoover.

A Left Winger—Right! But let us not forget that the forces of reaction as represented by Wall street, the capitalist system and the United States chamber of commerce are also to blame.

A Republican—There was no cigarette shortage under Hoover!

Senator Earake—There probably was, but it was concealed by the Tory press.

Senator Bunkum—Are we sure there is a shortage? I listen to the radio and all the big cigarette companies are filling the air with sales talks for their product. Why do they do this if they are out of cigarettes?

Senator Earake—They are building up good will.

Senator Duffer—Would it be possible at this time for the senate to take up the arms shortage on the western front? It seems to me to be more important.

(Cries of "Throw him out!" and "No! No!")

Senator Duffer—Is it not advisable that we look into the matter of getting more shells to General Patton, stopping the drift of workers from war factories and focusing the attention of the American public on the more vital aspects of the world situation?

Chorus of Voices—What! And make cigarettes a secondary issue! (The session ends in disorder.)

The Gotham Taxists Don't See!

To this writer's mind one of the sights of New York worth seeing, yet seldom mentioned by the guides, is Washington Market. A combination county fair, food show, Elks picnic, carnival and home town "general store," it is one of the town's big shows. During the noon hour, when thousands crowd into it to lunch at its unique clam, sandwich, fish and quick-lunch bars, it is at its best.

Pete's Chili Bar... Holloaf's Seafood Bar... Charlie's Oyster Bar... The Holloaf Bakery Bar... and many others... with, in most cases, the five-cent cup of coffee still reigning like something out of bygone days!

GIRL OVERBOARD

by GEORGE F. WORTS

WML RELEASE

THE STORY THUS FAR: Zorie Corey, who hates herself for being so meek, is railroaded into taking a job she does not want, helping Admiral Duncan write his memoirs. She is in love with Paul Duncan, the admiral's grandson. While aboard the steamship Samos en route to Hawaii, a hand is clamped over her mouth and she is scooped up and tossed into the sea. She manages to catch hold of a life ring some sailor tossed overboard. On recovering from shock Zorie learns that Steve, Paul's handsome brother, with whom she is infatuated, was taken violently ill at the time she was thrown off the boat. The admiral makes the announcement that Pearl Harbor is bombed.

CHAPTER XII

It was the first time that she had exchanged more than a few words with any of them since the night one of them had thrown her off the "Samos" stern.

She became aware that all of them were under a strain. Mr. Lanning drank his cocktails as fast as Steve would make them for him. By the time dinner was announced, he must have had seven or eight. Amber was nervous. Once, when she lit a cigarette, Zorie saw her hands shaking.

Something, Zorie guessed, was in the wind, and only Paul was unaware of it. He was aware only of her. Whenever she glanced at him, he was looking at her with that puzzled expression in his eyes. He did not drink at all. When she had her second cocktail, she glanced at him. The old familiar expression of stern disapproval was about his mouth.

Why, Zorie wondered, did he disapprove of everything that was really fun? She suddenly felt hopeless about Paul. She wondered if they could ever work things out. She saw Paul suddenly as one of the unfortunates he was always talking about—the maladjusted people, the problem children grown up.

Eight of the admiral's guests were attractive couples from various parts of the island. The ninth to arrive was a big man with iron-gray hair and a square ruddy face.

His name, Basil Stromberg, meant nothing to Zorie at first. Then she recalled the fragment of conversation she had overheard between Steve and the admiral in the garden that morning, with Steve saying, "I don't care a damn who comes—as long as you get Basil Stromberg."

Zorie sat down beside Paul and asked him who Stromberg was.

"He's the manager of one of the biggest plantations on the island. I suppose he's just another Nazi, although I never suspected it before."

"Why?"

Paul shrugged. "Well, Steve seems to prefer Nazis. It looks to me as if he's turning Uluwehi into a Nazi hotbed."

"Are these other people Nazis?"

"I don't know. I'm a stranger here myself. Basil is an American citizen. He was born on Kauai—of German parents. He was educated in Germany and he spends long vacations there. I believe he's been there quite recently. Shall I ask him?"

"Paul—please!"

"But you asked a question and, with me, the inquiry of a beautiful lady is a ringing command."

Zorie realized that Paul was furious about something, and suppressing it only with an effort. She had looked forward to this dinner party, to pretending she was the princess of Uluwehi; but now that it was here, she was miserable. Paul's disapproval and the tension she sensed in Steve were spoiling everything.

It was a pity, because it might have been a delightful dinner party. Dinner was served by four pretty Japanese girls who wore beautiful kimono and obis and resembled Japanese dolls. She watched them curiously and observed faces were like their young Oriental faces were. Paul had said if she knew what these young Japanese were thinking these days, she would run for her life. It was hard to believe.

There were flowers in the center of the long low table that made it difficult for her to see Paul. She could see all of Steve's face. He was being amusing and charming, but he wasn't fooling Zorie. Something was happening under the surface and he was taking the most elaborate pains to prove that nothing was happening.

When dinner was over, they returned to the lanai under the big banyan tree for coffee and brandy. Zorie sat down beside the admiral. When they had finished coffee, Paul said: "Shall we take a little stroll? We won't be missed."

He was furious about something, his eyes had that familiar narrowness and his mouth its well-known thinness. He disapproved of the star-sapphire dress. Doubtless, he disapproved of other things, too. She wondered, in a little flurry of panic, just what she'd done to make him so angry.

She hoped he wouldn't be too harsh with her.

They had taken hardly a dozen steps when he pulled his arm away. He was taking her toward the iron-wood arbor on the beach.

"What—what is it, Paul?" Zorie asked.

"I want to have a talk with you," Paul answered. "But not just yet. I want to think a little."

When they reached the arbor, Zorie's eyes were growing used to the twilight. She found a bench and

sat down. It was the same bench on which she had sat that morning to wrestle with her problem.

Paul did not sit down. He stood near her, with his hands in his coat pockets. From that characteristic posture, with one shoulder down a little, she knew what to expect, and she wondered if he took that stance when he was addressing his classes.

"Zorie," he said, "this evening has shown me exactly what I'll be up against when we're married. I've been watching you and studying you all through dinner—analyzing you as I've never bothered to analyze you before. I've had the pleasure of watching you—the girl I'm going to marry day after tomorrow—staring continuously at another man, with such adoration, such worship that it nauseated me to watch it."

Her sense of fear suddenly departed. With it went all of her old feeling of meekness.

Zorie got up. "Paul," she said softly, "I think you'd better stop. I think you don't quite realize what you're saying. I think you had better be awfully careful, Paul."

"I know what I'm saying," Paul said harshly. "I'm saying that you're nothing but a natural-born cheat! It was written all over your face! You were goofy-eyed! You



Zorie saw dim figures in the starlight, darkness beyond the hedge.

were ga-gal! You sat there, just drooling over that brother of mine!"

"Paul—"

"Let me finish," he snapped. "Paul, I'm warning you. I won't let you or any other man say such things about me."

"You'll let me say what I have to say," Paul replied.

Zorie sat down again. He continued in the same strain. Her shameless adoration of Steve. "Look at those flowers in your hair! Ever since he put some white ginger flowers in your hair, you've been wearing them like a holy symbol! Steve the great, Steve the wonderful puts ginger flowers in your hair and you melt. You go blah!"

It was, she supposed, inevitable. Out of him was gushing the bitterness that he had kept dammed up since that morning of their discussion on deck. She realized the truth—Paul could not take it. He had cracked under the strain he had imposed on himself. His solicitude had been a pretense, his ardor a sham. He did not, she realized, love her. Not at this moment. In the morning he might, but not now. He hated her for revolting against his Victorianism. He hated her because she had refused to be disciplined and dominated. It was really as simple as that.

"I can't go through with it," Paul said. "I want to be released from our engagement."

Any other time, Paul's outburst might have been justified—a little justified, although nothing she had ever done, except in her innermost thoughts, could have justified this.

"I understand," she said gently. In spite of the ugly things he had said, she was sorry for Paul. Tomorrow, if she knew Paul, he would humble himself, would plead for her forgiveness. Yet, even tomorrow, he might realize that things, after this, could never be patched up. She hoped he would. She hoped this was the end.

"You're free," Paul said wistfully. "You're free to do whatever you wish, to marry anybody you please."

To marry anybody she pleased! That, in his mind, meant Steve. As if she had merely to mention to Steve that she was now free to be his—and he would clasp her in his arms, to have and to hold, forever!

Perhaps, in one sense, Paul was right. Certainly, a large part of Steve's attraction was physical. She could not recall ever being attracted so strongly to Paul.

Anyway, she would not hate to marry Paul. She had escaped! Zorie was aware of a sense of soaring relief.

"I understand, Paul," she said quietly. "Everything's finished. Perhaps it's best. I think we'd better go back now."

"Ah, yes—back to your lovely Nazis!"

Halfway to the blacked-out lanai, Zorie heard men's voices. They came from the other side of a high box hedge that she and Paul were about to pass.

Paul seized her wrist. He whispered: "Keep quiet!"

He pulled her close to the hedge. Zorie saw several dim figures in the starlight darkness beyond the hedge. Then she heard Steve's voice.

"This war is apt to ruin everything," he said. His voice sounded thin. It sounded nervous. "There's very apt to be trouble. I've spent most of the day at Kokee, looking over the ground over. The only favorable factor is that they're working with only a skeleton crew. They'll be reinforced in a day or two. If we're to get in there, it will certainly have to be tonight."

Steve's voice hesitated. Zorie tried to see his face, but she could not. "Briefly, the setup is easier than I expected," he went on. "JY-419 is there. It's being used every day, but not at night. They're using the old hookup for night-time listening. Steve paused again. "I've learned one thing of vital importance. It will detect a plane more than fifteen hundred miles better than I was told in Madrid."

"Why," another voice interrupted, "didn't it detect the bombers that came over Pearl Harbor last Sunday?" The voice was so strained that Zorie identified it, with difficulty, as Winthrop Lanning's.

"How can you expect me to have the answer to that question?" Steve answered. "The old hookup would have detected them. The carrier could not have been more than two hundred miles offshore. Why didn't the Oahu listening stations report them in time?"

"What is this trouble you men-

tioned?"

"It has nothing to do with getting JY-419 out of the listening post," Steve answered. "JY-419 is in one compact sheet-steel cabinet that weighs, at a guess, between eighty and one hundred pounds. It is being kept in a small building some distance from the regular equipment. There's only a small plain padlock on the door."

The pressure of Paul's grasp increased on Zorie's wrist. He had no doubt felt the tremor that had gone through her. She was beginning to realize fully what this meant.

So this was Steve's "very dangerous game"—plotting with these sly, sinister people to rob his own country of a secret and valuable plane-detecting device.

All the ugly things Paul had told her about Steve, together with all the ugly things of which she herself suspected him, were in his voice now.

"We can break that padlock and carry the cabinet out."

"Wait a minute," another voice interrupted, and Zorie recognized it, with its softness, as Pierre's. "How do we get it out of that listening post? Won't those sentries be shooting at shadows?"

"Probably," Steve answered. "It will be dangerous and difficult, but it isn't impossible. The shed in which JY-419 is locked up is within fifty feet of the edge of the Kalaialu Lookout. I mean—the edge of the canyon. The sentry at that post won't expect anyone to come up over that edge."

"But is it humanly possible?" Pierre broke in.

"Yes. There's an old goat trail, now overgrown with vegetation, that I used as a boy. Don't forget I know every inch of that country. We can slip in and out past the sentry."

"How?" Pierre asked dubiously.

"It has been raining in the mountains for two days and nights. It was raining steadily up there all day. Don't forget that this is our rainy season. We can safely count on rain tonight."

"But if it isn't raining?" Mr. Lanning asked.

"Then we will overpower the sentry."

"That is very, very risky!"

"The whole job is risky," Steve said impatiently. "It always has been. The fact that the war is on doubles the risk. But that is not my worry, Winthrop. With these blue headlights and with occasional halts by the Provisional Police, it will take an hour to drive as far as we can safely go. It will take us fully three hours to follow that old trail to the listening post, to get in, secure JY-419 and to get back to the car. That will bring the time to three o'clock, if we leave here at eleven. They will discover that JY-419 is gone by six at the latest. The navy will tear this island apart looking for it. Don't forget that this island is under martial law and that JY-419 is as vital a war secret as the famous bombsight."

"I won't," Mr. Lanning said dryly.

"I'm certain that we can get in there and get out with it," Steve continued. "But what will we do with it? It is very much like a play in a football game. We will have the ball, but we won't dare keep it. We must pass it as quickly as we can into safer, stronger hands."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Sportlight

GRANTLAND RICE

A QUERY comes in from far away Leyte in the Philippines to this effect: "What is the distance record for the forward pass?"

This is one of the most interesting, and one of the most unproved records in sport.

Years ago this forward-passing distance crown was given to Brick Muller of California who was credited with a 65-yard pass against Ohio State, as we recall the faint and faraway details. Brick Muller is still credited with the distance record, registered as 70 yards in many dust-covered guides.

Later on along the West coast many conceded a new record to Kenny Washington, U. C. L. A. star, who was supposed to have thrown a completed pass for 68 yards against Southern California.

"It was in that neighborhood," Howard Jones of Southern California told me later. "It may have been 65 yards—it may have been 70 yards. It was too long for me. I couldn't tell you the exact distance."

Brick Muller and Kenny Washington were undoubtedly two of the great long-distance passers on the West coast—probably two of the best in football history.

Isbell's Long Peg

The longest completed pass I ever saw came in a game between the professional All Stars against the Green Bay Packers in California several years ago. Green Bay in this game had the ball on its one-yard line with only a few seconds left to play. Cecil Isbell of Green Bay faked back of his goal line and whipped a long, high one through the balmey California air.

Don Hutson was already under way. He galloped down the field with two All Stars alongside. Suddenly Hutson, with his amazing speed, put on full steam, ran away from his guardians and took the ball around the mid-field strip at least 55 yards from the spot where Isbell had thrown the pass. It was an easy touchdown. I happened to be sitting on the Packers' bench where I could measure the throw.

All of this still doesn't answer the Leyte sergeant's question. There probably isn't any answer. I was talking this problem over with Eddie Dooley, Dartmouth's long-distance passer.

A 75-Yard Toss

"We had a contest at Dartmouth once," Eddie said, "for distance passing. I was to pass against Swede Oberlander. We had no following wind. In this contest I passed on the carry for 75 yards and Swede hit the 73-yard mark. This is the only occasion I recall where forward passes were accurately measured. But remember, this was not in competition. It may be that someone has passed the ball over 75 yards on a carry, without a favoring wind. I doubt it. Of course, if you have a favoring gale at your back it would not be difficult to pass 80 or 85 yards."

The main trouble is this—if you can pick up a passer who can heave the ball over 60 yards—how can you find a Hutson or another end who can ramble that far and catch it? I recall, vaguely, one pass in a Dartmouth game against Cornell, where Eddie Dooley, from his own 35-yard line, hit Bjorkman on the shoulder, 65 yards away, and just at the goal line.

The great passers of more modern times have been Sammy Baugh, Sid Luckman and Glenn Dobbs. And it might be mentioned that Cecil Isbell and Arnie Herber were no punks. Two of the most accurate passers I've ever known were Benny Friedman and Sammy Baugh. They were not 65-yard marksmen. But they could hit a gnat in the eye from 10 to 30 yards. So could little Davey O'Brien. There is another great and now forgotten passer.

There is no set or proved record on the longest pass ever thrown in actual competition—a pass that was caught and held. Maybe Brick Muller of California is the man. Maybe Kenny Washington of U. C. L. A. It might be Isbell to Hutson. I know of no other end who could go as far to catch one as Hutson of the Green Bay Packers. I only know that Eddie Dooley could cover 75 yards through the air and Eddie today can hit the 65-yard mark, long after he has been away from the Green of Hanover.

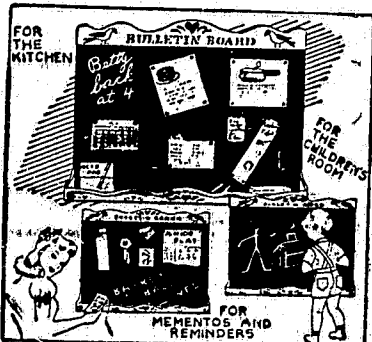
Stars in Service

All this matter about service training, rough life in the barracks, lack of time to play or practice, said to be wrecking skill timing, is about 97 per cent bunk.

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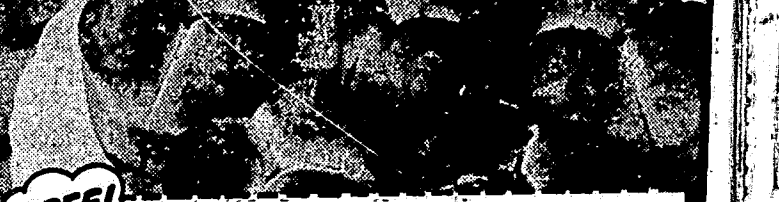
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LOOKING AHEAD

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My Doctor

Last spring a woman of culture left her home in one of America's principal cities to spend six months in Arkansas. Soon after her arrival she came down with a common ailment and needed a surgeon. Her new neighbors almost failed to convince her that the village doctor was safe to consult. She asked: "If he's so wonderful, what's he doing here? A really good doctor can make a lot of money in a city."

She was right on one point. This doctor could make a lot of money in a city. He has not fared poorly where he is, but he never will be rich. He is not so much interested in money, however, as in a certain kind of success that's not measurable in dollars. He has a priceless estate of human lives. He can't leave his house without meeting people who owe their very existence to his skill.

A Rich Estate
This country doctor has the unfeigned love of his neighbors. His work and ethics have their unqualified approval, but that's only part of the story. He likes them too. Nobody suffers for medical attention where he lives. "He gets paid for it," do you say? Yes, he collects from about half his patients. But the humblest share-cropper can have the best doctor he ever heard of, and never see a bill.

Writing this, I have a particular physician in mind, but I'm satisfied you are thinking about another doctor as you read it. There is one in just about every country town; two or three in big places. America still has plenty of neighborhoods where men grow up and live to a ripe old age at one address. These are the spots where a doctor is a real person, not just a service.

The Case History
Knowing the people of his neighborhood is worth a great deal to a physician's success. Even a specialist, who treats strangers almost exclusively, will agree that a patient's history is more helpful to the doctor than an examination. That's why I don't want to swap doctors with you, and I hope you feel the same way. Together, we can save this country from the political curse of socialized medicine.

A firm protest from the forks of the creek, mountain coves and farming towns can keep the Wagner National Health Bill, now decomposing in a pigeon-hole of a Senate subcommittee, from ever coming to life. It was introduced with small hope of passage, its chief purpose perhaps was to raise the issue and start people talking about medical service as something to be standardized and rationed like gasoline.

Certain to Lose
My doctor is a busy man. He works more nearly 18 hours a day than eight. A standardized working week of, say, 40 hours for him would make two new doctors in our neighborhood necessary. Of course both new men would have to study the community's health record, have to be as well schooled as the older doctor and have to receive suitable salaries.

It would be a bad deal, three ways: (1) Some of my doctor's patients would have to accept treatment from a man with all to learn about them. (2) Since three men cost more to maintain than one, all of us would spend more money for medical aid. (3) My good doctor wouldn't be busy. This is the worst feature. The work he loves (his estate of lives) would be taken away from him. I figure his agile mind would turn to something else, and that he'd quit being a doctor at all.



THE AMERICAN WAY

LET'S NOT
KID OURSELVES

By George Peck

D'st'ing'n' the sad lesson learned after World War I, it looks as though this nation is going to repeat the serious blunder at the conclusion of World War II. Washington is full of plans for lending money to many of our Allies and also to some of our present and previous enemies.

These plans call for loans of billions of dollars to each country—the whole world is being led to expect that Uncle Sam will play Santa Claus to everybody to the tune of many billions of dollars. This vast sum added to our present national debt will add up to an appalling total.

While making these so-called loans will benefit our farmers, laborers, manufacturers and others, because they will finance a large export trade, the fact of the matter is that these loans can never be paid back except in the form of goods.

If, and when the payments of these loans become due, the borrowers should undertake to pay with wheat, meat, manufactured products, etc., at prices set on a basis of low wages of impoverished Europe, or cooie wares of the Orient, our farmers, laborers and manufacturers will have to compete with these low prices.

You can well imagine the howl that will go up from all of our citizens demanding higher tariffs to prevent the complete disruption of our economy by this influx of cheap products from abroad. The imports (the only method by which these nations can repay their loans) will be cut off, the loans will not be repaid, as was exactly the case after World War I, and we will be left holding the bag again, with our national debt increased by approximately the amount of these foreign loans.

Such advances of money to foreign nations may be necessary, but why not be realistic about it this time by calling them "GIFTS" for that is what they really will be. The Congress should fully realize this, and knowing it, will be inclined to scrutinize more carefully every proposed advance to any foreign nation. Further, the Congress should make it quite clear to the recipients that these advances are outright gifts, coming from a generous nation to its Allies, or its former enemies, as the case may be.

The American public, too, must understand that any sums advanced to foreign nations will be outright gifts—money over the dam, never to flow back to us again. The public, recognizing this fact, will insist that Congress do its duty in restricting these advances to the barest possible minimum.

If this article sounds a bit hard-boiled, please know that I intend it to be just that way. Memory of the horrible epithet "Uncle Shylock" which was flung at us when we tried to collect the loans made after the last war, still lingers painfully. While I know full well that this country cannot, in fact, has no desire to stand aloof after this war is over, oblivious to the crying need of our Allies, and even of our former enemies, the point I am trying to make is this: If we do play Santa Claus, let's do it with our eyes open, knowing that what we put into the stockings of foreign nations will be put there "for keeps." This time let's not kid ourselves.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"We may have to re-quip the whole First Army."—War Production Board Chairman Krug.

"The fighting spirit of the Americans should not be made light of!"—Jap War Minister Sugiyama, in broadcast.

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W S C S ELECTS

AT ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the W S C S was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sherman Greenleaf. Officers and chairmen of various committees and the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Leslie Lapham
1st Vice Pres.—Mrs. Earl Davis
2nd Vice Pres.

Secretary—Mrs. Sidney Dyke
Treasurer—Mrs. Norman Hall
Mrs. Perry Lapham was appointed chaplain for the year.

The following committees were appointed for the annual sale: Fancy work, Mrs. Perry Lapham, Mrs. Harry Jordan, Mrs. Frances Davis, Mrs. Wesley Wheeler; aprons, Mrs. Norman Hall, Mrs. Leslie Lapham, Mrs. Irving French, Mrs. Annie Craig; children's gifts, Mrs. Sherman Greenleaf, Mrs. Leslie Davis, Mrs. Willis Ward, Mrs. Linwood Lovell; homemakers' table, Mrs. Earl Davis, Mrs. Roger Foster, Mrs. Edna Smith, Mrs. Guy Swan. It was voted to set aside two months during the year for each committee to solicit and prepare for the sale. The fancy work committee will start at once.

It was decided to carry on the handicraft booth this year instead of the Eleanor Gordon Guild which will devote its time entirely to the sandwich bar.

Mrs. Carl Brown was named chairman of the handicraft committee, with assistants to be named later. It was voted to order gift paper, sandwich bags, dish cloths, thread, waxed paper and ribbon to be sold by the society. Over \$20 was received from the holiday bags which were opened following the business meeting. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

WEST PARIS

Mrs. Geneva Tuell, Correspondent

Harry L. Emery, returned from St. Mary's Hospital, Lewiston, Monday afternoon and is improving in health.

William C. Stearns is a patient at St. Mary's Hospital.

Mrs. Christopher Bryant is slightly improved from a very severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hadley have moved to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Chase.

The L C Bates Men's Club held an interesting meeting at Universalist Church Monday evening with the president, Walter Inman presiding. The club is sponsoring the Boy Scout Club this year with Earle A. Palmer Jr., leader and Raymond Dean, Assistant.

Elmer B. Davis returned from St. Mary's Hospital, Lewiston Tuesday.

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THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

Every day, almost, somebody cooks up something new which they say we need right away—to save us. And the folks thinking up these nice sounding but complicated things are smart enough to know that if you promise to fix something and free—so that nobody will ever again need perspire, they will be elected, and with votes to spare. And the more complicated and loose-jointed the plan, the bigger the vote. Anybody being able to do up something so super-complex and non-understandable, must just naturally be good—so we elect the gent.

But in the contest I been running, off and on, on what this country needs, more answers are coming lately saying it is less fixing—more—that we need.

And Henry, I was talking to him, and he says there is one exception, we need one more thing, we need an earthquake—mental type. Craniums have become cobwebby from listening versus thinking. But the quake, he says, is just around the corner. Folks are gonna find out soon that all the money being garnered by the income tax man is not just for the war—a big hunk is for fumadiddles, or tinkering with the laws of gravity. Then is when we will have fireworks—after the horse is gone.

Yours with the low down,
—JO SERRA

ARMY AND NAVY URGE GREATER USE OF V-MAIL

—continued from page one

taining out-of-date news or observations. Morale officers say that the importance of mail at virtually every mail call cannot be overemphasized. No service man ever misses mail call, they point out, and men prefer to be able to step forward at every call for a short letter, rather than go through the motions only to receive longer letters at longer intervals.

If case is taken in the original writing V-mail will be readable in final form, postal officers point out. Instructions printed on each form—"Use typewriter, dark ink or dark pencil. Faint or small writing is not suitable for photographing"—should be followed for best results. No enclosures are permitted in V-mail letters. Forms coming into processing points with enclosures are re-sealed and sent as ordinary mail.

Red Cross workers, morale officers, chaplains and others who listen to GI troubles suggest that civilian correspondents avoid writing "dangling" letters to men overseas—letters, for example, telling of an illness in the family without giving reports of progress toward recovery. In sending V-mail letters in sequence they point out, the correspondent to see that page 1 doesn't announce striking news that is explained on the second form. V-mail letters may not arrive in sequence and the service man or woman may be kept in a state of suspense dangerous to his morale.

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ASSISTANCE ASKED TO HELP ESTABLISH LOCAL RECORDS OF SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN
Relatives of service men and women are asked to fill in the blank above and return to the Citizen Office. At the present time there are no local records of those in the service and this is asked in an effort to compile information which may be of great value later. Data on all persons, now or formerly in the armed forces, is desired. It is urged that all who can do so send the form in as soon as possible.

NORTH WOODSTOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cole were in Lewiston recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hemingway were dinner guests Sunday the 31st with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Davis at South Woodstock.

Mrs. George Abbott was at home Saturday from her work at Mann's mill.

Mrs. Clinton Buck sprained her arm and was unable to work last week.

Mrs. C. James Knights called to see her sister, Mrs. Frank Sweetser Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitman were at Norway Saturday.

SCHOOL SAVINGS

Grade	Sav. Bank	Total	P C
I	\$1.00	\$5.60	76
II		3.20	70
III		3.70	69
IV	3.00	4.00	64
V	\$4.00	\$16.50	52
VI	\$4.00	\$3.70	50
VII	2.00	5.30	58
VIII	4.00	4.30	52
	2.00	3.80	52
	\$12.00	\$17.60	

First and Seventh grades have banners.

BURNS' RED & WHITE STORE

TELEPHONE 114

HOT BOX	
SNOW'S CLAM CHOWDER	25c
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Red & White CHICKEN SOUP	can 16c
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APPLE SAUCE 30 pts.	20c	LADY GODIVA	
RED & WHITE		BEAUTY SOAP	5c
CORN FLAKES 11 oz. 9c		BLUE & WHITE	
RED & WHITE		TOILET PAPER	5c
WHOLE WHEAT Cereal 19c		PABLUM 18 oz.	39c
PURE GRAPE JELLY 23c		RED & WHITE	
RED & WHITE		VANETTES	21c
MACARONI 9c		RED & WHITE	
RED & WHITE		FAMILY FLOUR 25 lb.	\$1.39
ELBOW MACARONI 9c			
RED & WHITE		Meats, Fruit and	
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Virgil Curtis and Lee Thurlow came from Massachusetts Wednesday. Mr. Thurlow spent the week end at Alfred Curtis, returning to Massachusetts Monday.

Mrs. Robert Hastings was an overnight guest of Mrs. Richard Houle at West Paris, Wednesday of last week.

Warren Hastings spent the week end with Richard Kimball at West Paris.

Mrs. Helen Newmarker was taken suddenly ill Friday evening at the grange meeting. Mrs. Robert Hastings accompanied her home and remained overnight with her. Mrs. Hastings substituted for Mrs. Newmarker Monday in the Primary school.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Howe were in Rumford Tuesday.

Alder River Grange held a regular session Friday evening after a supper. After a short business session the officers for 1945 were installed in open meeting by Pastor Guy Bartlett with Sister Rose Bartlett as Marshal. Sister Myra Foster was pianist. The

Worthy Lecturer had prepared a program which was given between installing of the officers.

Master—Stephen Abbott
Lecturer—Bernice Noyes
Steward—Richard Carter
Assistant Steward—Lewis Curtis

Roll Call, My New Year's Resolution
Song, America the Beautiful,
Grange
Song, There's a Star Spangled
Banner Waving Somewhere,
Myra Foster

Secretary—Edith Howe
Gate Keeper—Carolyn Noyes
Relay Race with Shirley Bartlett
and Mary L. Coolidge, leaders
Pomona—Marguerite Bartlett
Flora—Louise Coolidge
Lady Assistant Steward—
Marilyn Noyes

Song, Columbia, The Gem of the
Ocean
George Knight was chosen janitor
for 1945.

Grange was closed without form.
Robert Hastings is hauling po-
tatoes to Portland. Mrs. Hastings
was a guest of Mrs. Richard Blau-
hard in Cumberland Tuesday.

SONGO POND

Mrs. Bee Osgood was in Bethel Saturday for an eye examination.

Robert Chapman is employed at Chubbourn's mill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kimball were in Berlin Friday on business.

Miss Ivy Philbrook has returned to Springvale where she is attending Nason College.

A. B. Kimball had two hogs butchered recently.

Leon Millett has his ice rig ready for business on Songo Pond. He will start operations Wednesday.

Miss Julia Buck has returned home from Norway, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Stella Thompson.

Miss Flossy Osgood has returned from a visit to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, at South Paris.

We are deeply grieved to hear that George Logan is missing in action and sympathize with his mother and brothers.

Floyd Kimball was in Portland Monday on business.

Mrs. Maud Grindle and Evelyn returned Tuesday from Irving Green's, North Waterford.

STATE OF MAINE
To all persons interested in either of the Estates heretofore named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris, Maine, for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four from day to day from the third Tuesday of said December. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon heretofore indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County.

That they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1945, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

True J. Brown, otherwise known as True Brown, late of Bethel, deceased; Petition for the appointment of Blon F. Brown as administrator of the estate of said deceased, with bond, presented by Blon F. Brown, a brother and heir-at-law of said deceased.

Witness, Albert J. Stearns, Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four.

MARLE R. CLIFFORD, Register, 2

PROBATE APPOINTMENTS
The following subscribers heretofore give notice that they have received the appointments as indicated from the Probate Court of Oxford County. All persons having demands against the estates represented by them are desired to present the same for settlement and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Mary J. Bartlett, late of Greenwood, deceased; The First Portland National Bank of Portland, Maine, Trustee without bond, Dec. 19, 1944.

Mabel Harden Chase, of Greenwood, adult ward; Isaac W. Dyer and, of Bethel, Guardian with bond, Dec. 19, 1944.

Annie L. Cole, late of Woodstock, deceased; Clarence B. Cole of Bryant Pond, executor without bond, Dec. 19, 1944.

Harry H. Crockett, late of Woodstock, deceased; Mary P. Crockett of Bryant Pond, Administratrix without bond, Dec. 19, 1944.

BRYANT POND

Mrs. Inez Whitman, Correspondent
Miss Ruth Fenlason of Auburn spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cole.

Mrs. Chester C. Bean has received another donation for the War Chest Drive and the drive closed with the town of Woodstock total receipts \$487.49.

Miss Juane O'Neill and Miss Gertrude Farnum, both of Portland, spent the week end with Miss Farnum's grandmother, Mrs. Carrie DaVee.

Agnes Littlehale and Carrie DaVee were in Dixfield Saturday on business.

Mrs. Carrie DaVee recently received a letter from her daughter, Miss Yerde DaVee, who is in St. Petersburg, Fla., saying that it was uncomfortably warm writing her letter outdoors Christmas Day.

Mrs. Minnie Jordan has gone to Yarmouth to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. George Kimball.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bean are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Carol Annette, at the Norway Hospital.

Mrs. Beatrice Judkins is teaching the Grammar School, taking Mrs. Mary Fleming's place as Mrs. Flumming is in the C. M. G. Hospital.

Kenneth Swan took a trip to Boston with his uncle, Leslie Davis of Bethel, during his vacation from school.

Miss Ethel Ford has been at her home in Yarmouth several days but expects to return to Walter Davis' some time this week.

GROVER HILL

Mrs. Jeannette Trefethen enjoyed a 10 days holiday vacation with her son in Portsmouth, N. H., and brother in Brockton, Mass.

James Mundt and Everett Bean are working together, cutting birch and pulpwood.

John Mills of Mason worked with Clyde Whitman in the woods during the former's Academy recess.

Miss Gwendolyn Stearns was in Boston a few days last week.

Mrs. Walter Brown visited her sister, Mrs. Alden Wilson, at Bethel Village recently.

Owing to high water conditions on the Flat Road last week, Albert Silver, our mail carrier, was obliged to make part of his route in the opposite direction and retrace several miles.

Does anyone see chickadees? At our suet and crumb feeding stations we've been able to attract nothing but hairy and downy woodpeckers.

UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Correspondent
O Lee Abbott of Bangor has been in town for about ten days on business. He has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Hinkley.

Mrs. Claude Lombard and daughter, Edith Blanche, have been visiting friends and relatives in Rumford for a few days.

Winslow Linnell, Albert Allen and Frank Allen have cut and packed the ice for the Red Spot Fishing Club.

Mrs. Bertha Judkins, who has been confined to her room for a week with a lame knee, is improving.

Miss Carrie Angevine visited her cousin in Colebrook, N. H. last week.

The Misses Carrie Angevine and Ruth Judkins returned to Gould Academy this week after a two week vacation.

School opened in town Monday this week.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Holt returned to town a week ago to keep house and help Jim Barnett do some papering in his home before school opened.

Fred Angevine of Canada, who has served in the Army in England for four years, visited his brother, John Angevine last week. They had not seen each other for more than 30 years.

The Misses Agnes and Helen Angevine visited their aunt in Bethel a few days during vacation.

A. Durkee took Mrs. Doris Fraser to Sunday River to see her mother and brother last Sunday.

A construction crew from Augusta who have been building a road in Dummer came through this way on their return trip with the bulldozers, scrapers and 10 wheel trucks. As they had considerable difficulty in making Hampshire Hill they spent most of Saturday, Sunday and Monday forenoon here and finally left the two scrapers here in town.

Middle Intervale
Miss Barbara Stearns of Albany was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Richard Stevens, a few days last week.

Ernest Morrisette was in Berlin, N. H., Thursday afternoon.

Richard Onofrio spent a few days with Teddy Carter last week.

Mrs. Richard Carter was in Norway Saturday.

Susanne Wight of Sunday River was a guest of Patricia Gunther Wednesday night.

Mervin Duck and David Buck were on Swan Hill cutting wood a few days last week.

HANOVER

Correspondent—
Mrs. W. W. Worcester
Jan. 6 and 7 it was 10° below zero. It did not go above zero all day Sunday.

Mrs. Emily Dickson left Saturday for Rochester, N. H., to be with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Stone.

Clement Worcester and Tony Croteau were at the Bean lot, cutting wood over the week end.

Mrs. G. C. Barker went to Rumford Friday on business and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Staples.

Mrs. Alice Staples has gone to the home of her son, Paul Staples, for a few days stay.

Thurston Cole of Rumford Point was in town Tuesday of last week.

Frank Morrison of Portland was in town last week to see about the harvesting of his ice.

Miss Susan Martin of Rumford was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Russell one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Russell went to Bethel Saturday to bring home their dog, who has been convalescing from a broken jaw for four weeks at Dr. Greenleaf's veterinary hospital.

Mrs. Amy Marston has been staying for several days with Mabel Worcester.

Mrs. G. C. Barker spent part of his vacation visiting at the home of Frank Morrison, Portland.

Willis Penney was detained from his work a few days with a lame back and a cold.

PULKINEN-VALLEY
Miss Dorothy L. Estes Valley of South Woodstock and Ujas O. Pulkinen of West Paris were united in marriage Monday evening, Jan. 8, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Elton B. Forbes. The double ring service was used. Their attendants were Miss Kay Babb and Frank Packard, Merchant Sea man.

Mrs. Pulkinen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Valley and Mr. Pulkinen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Casper Pulkinen. They will reside at West Paris.

STUDENT

LUNCHES

40c

FARWELL & WIGHT'S

NORTH NEWRY

Miss Elizabeth Wight returned to Gorham Normal Wednesday morning, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wight.

Kenneth Vail spent Christmas with his sister, Erva and family in Dixfield.

Bob Morton has a new Chevrolet truck for plowing roads.

Miss Naomi Enman has been a guest of Miss Vada Enman in Rumford the past few days.

Mrs. Helen Morton was called to Auburn Saturday by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Freeman Richardson.

Leon Enman is ill with a cold at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wight were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wight and family.

The next regular meeting of Bear River Grange will be installation of officers.

NOTICE OF LOST BANK BOOK
Notice is hereby given that the Bethel Savings Bank has been notified that book of deposit issued by said bank and numbered 4696 has been destroyed or lost and it is desired that a new book of deposit be issued.

BETHEL SAVINGS BANK
By Fred F. Bean, Treas.
Bethel, Maine

The Panama Canal, begun in 1904, was completed in 1914 and required some 30,000 laborers and other workers. The death rate was about 17 per thousand, as against 200 per thousand when the French attempted to dig the canal.

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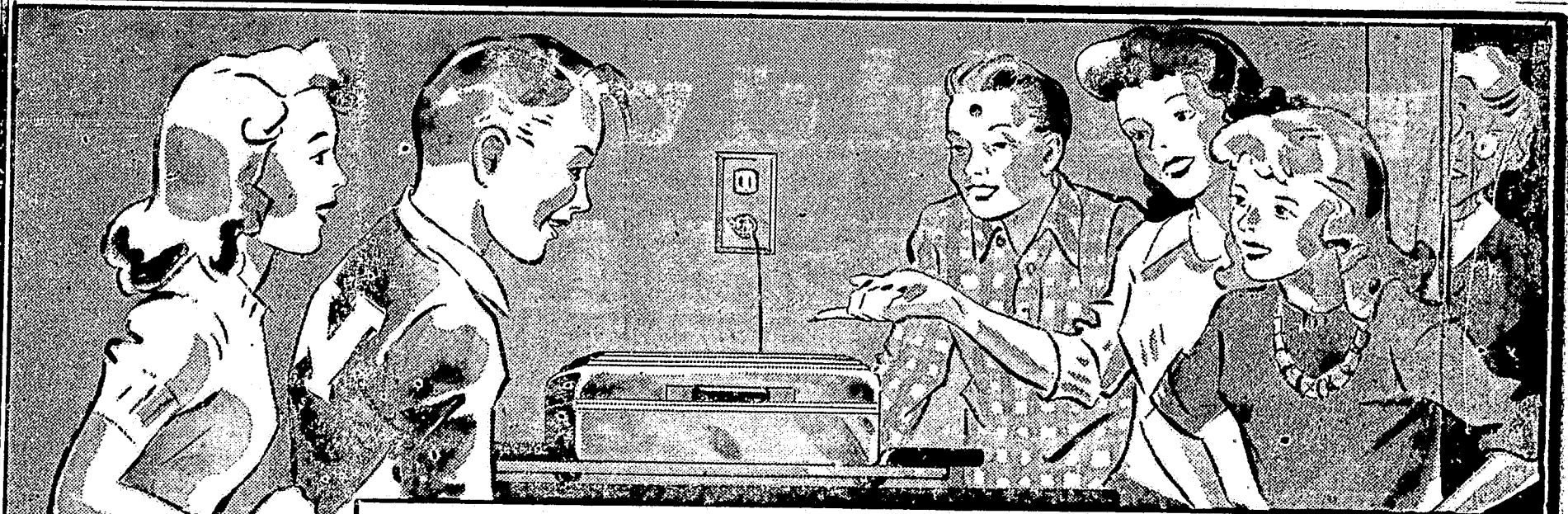
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Friday and Saturday Only		WHEATENA	pkg. 22c
Texas Marsh Seedless		Dry Bulk Michigan Pea	
GRAPEFRUIT	3 for 19c	BEANS	lb. 10c
Fancy		IGA Fancy Maine	
CUT CARROTS	lb. 6c	CORN	No. 2 can 15c
Fancy Pascal		Santa Clara — Large — Bulk	
CELERY	bunch 19c	PRUNES	lb. 17c
Cape Elizabeth		Calmaga Seeded	
CABBAGE	lb. 5c	RAISINS	pkg. 10c
Royal Guest		Cream	
TEA	1/2 lb. pkg. 45c	CORN STARCH	lb. pkg. 10c
RENUZIT Cleanser	gal. 65c	KEYKO Margarine	lb. 25c
Instant		IGA Free Running	
POSTUM	8 oz. can 42c	SALT	2 lb. pkg. 7c
		OXYDOL	1 lb. pkg. 22c

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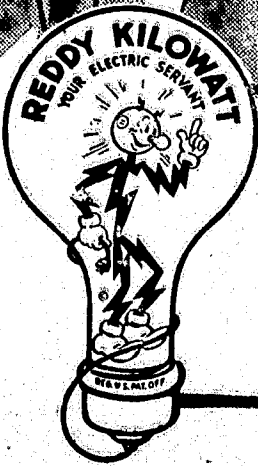
The Smythes are a kindly and hospitable couple, blessed with five beautiful daughters. They entertain their friends every day in the week and particularly on Sunday. Since food rationing Mrs. Smythe has found this sociability hard to put up with!

The other day, when housecleaning, Mrs. Smythe accidentally knocked off a high kitchen shelf a dusty and neglected sandwich grill, which by the way, was given to her by Cousin Tilly three Christmases ago and used very little. "Why," said Mrs. Smythe in surprise, "There's the answer to feeding the friends of my five beautiful daughters!" and it was. Now the Smythes are more hospitable than ever, and they

feed their ever-hungry guests with delicious toasted sandwiches, which the guests make for themselves on the no-longer dusty sandwich grill!

MORAL:

Many people let electric appliances lie forgotten and unused on their pantry shelves. Yet thousands of less fortunate housewives would give anything to own such household aids. These days, when variety is the spice of rationing, it's surprising what a difference a waffle iron or sandwich grill can make in planning your company and family menus! So—why not use what you have and—"more power to you!"



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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Crisply-Coated Fish Takes It Easy on the Budget (See Recipes Below)

Serve Fish Often

As civilian meat supplies grow leaner, fish will again come to the rescue as a good protein food. Fish is easier to prepare than meat, and it bakes, broils, fries and cooks quickly.

Fish is at its best when it's perfectly cooked.

By that, I mean, the bones separate from the delicate flesh, and the coating is crisp and golden brown if the fish is pan-fried or broiled.

This delectable food is available in large quantity now, and it's wise to plan to serve it not once a week, but several times, to lessen the drain on red points. When served with a garnish of lemon and parsley or one of the excellent sauces, fish can become a regular family favorite.

Condiments should be used wisely so that fish can take on an agreeable flavor. Their flavors should be subtle rather than pronounced so that the delicate flavor of the fish is not completely lost.

Baked Whitefish.

3 pounds whitefish

2 1/2 cups bread crumbs (dry)

2 tablespoons bacon, minced

1 teaspoon green pepper, minced

Onion, large, minced

5 slices bacon

1/2 teaspoon salt

Pepper

Mix bread crumbs, minced bacon, green pepper, onion and seasonings and lay on fish. Place a slice of bacon on this and fold over fish. Place on rack in open pan and lay remaining bacon over top. Bake 35 minutes in a very hot oven (450 degrees), basting often with fat in pan. Serve with green pepper and lemon slices. For sauce, mix together the following: 2 tablespoons minced green pepper, 3 tablespoons catsup, and 5 tablespoons mayonnaise.

Broiled Halibut.

Anchovy butter or lemon

Halibut

Salt and pepper

Wipe fish with damp cloth. Brush with melted butter and season with salt and pepper.

Arrange on broiler pan and broil until fish is well browned. Spread with anchovy butter when ready to serve or garnish with lemon.

Baked Fish With Mustard Sauce.

1 1/2 pounds fillet of haddock

2 tablespoons melted butter

1 tablespoon flour

1 cup boiling water

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 tablespoon prepared mustard

3/4 cup dried bread crumbs

Salt and pepper

Place fish in shallow pan and broil under moderate heat for 15 minutes, basting with the 2 tablespoons of butter. Turn; broil 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Cook mushrooms and onions in bacon drippings until tender. Add rice, seasonings and eggs; mix well and mound the stuffing in center of serving platter. Place fish, skin side up over stuffing. Fish may also be baked with stuffing, in a moderate oven for 45 minutes, basting with butter. Garnish with lemon slices. Cheese sauce is an excellent accompaniment for fish as in this case.

Baked Fish With Cheese Sauce.

(Serves 4)

1 chopped onion

1/4 pound sliced cheese

2 1/2-pound pike, halibut or perch

1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon dry mustard

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 cup milk

Place onion and half of cheese in fish cavity. Place remaining cheese on top of fish. Add remaining ingredients and pour over fish. Bake in hot oven (400 degrees) for 25 minutes.

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Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menu

***Baked Fish With Cheese Sauce**

Baked Carrots Mashed Potatoes

Whole Wheat Rolls

Green Bean Salad

Orange Chiffon Pie

Beverage

*Recipe given.

Fish Souffle.

(Serves 6)

1 package flounder or similar fish

3/4 cup boiling water

1/4 teaspoon salt

Heavy cream

2 1/2 tablespoons flour

2 tablespoons butter or substitute

3/4 teaspoon pepper

4 egg yolks, stiffly beaten

4 egg whites stiffly beaten

Cook the fillet of flounder in boiling, salted water until tender. Drain, reserving liquid.

Add the cream to make 1 cup. Separate fish into fine flurries. Combine

butter, flour, salt and pepper. Add cream and cook until smooth and thick. Add fish

and cool. Blend in beaten egg yolks, mixing well. Fold in beaten whites. Turn into buttered casserole. Place in a pan of hot water and bake for 1 hour in pre-heated 350-degree oven.

Stuffings add interest to any type of fish. Bread stuffings or those with celery, mushrooms, or chestnuts may be used. In the following, rice stuffing is suggested with pike:

Fish With Rice Stuffing

(Serves 4)

1 3-pound pike

2 tablespoons butter

1/4 pound mushrooms, chopped

2 tablespoons chopped onion

1/4 cup bacon drippings

1 cup cooked rice

Salt and pepper

1/4 teaspoon poultry seasoning

2 beaten eggs

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Hedda Hopper: Looking at HOLLYWOOD

To a small group in Hollywood the year 1945 means the beginning of fame; for movieland, already jammed with stars, is planning to feature some new names in big lights during the coming year.

There will be many surprises not in the cards at present, but from where I sit on the side lines these are the stars you'll hear from in a big way during the coming year:

Bill Eythe, at 20th, landed smack in the lap of Lady Luck. This means that the lad from

Mars, Pa., unknown to movies two years ago, will be right up at the top in the cast of characters.

Eythe's high

pressure personality won him the lead opposite Talulah Bankhead in "Royal Scandal." When Pro-

ducer Lubitsch saw the rushes

he said, "Eythe is the greatest star material I've run into in 20 years."

So they rushed Eythe into the lead in "Colonel Effingham's Raid." Watch his dust in 1945.

That Uncertain Something

Lauren Bacall, that glamorous menace whose pussy willow face and half-mast eyes are her trademark, is familiar to every magazine reader, although she's appeared in only one picture, "To Have and Have Not," with Humphrey Bogart. So what? Warners sent her right back into the duble harness again with Bogie in "The Big Sleep." She's decorative and provocative.

Quite a different type is Universal's Ella Raines. A girl with clean blue eyes and a well washed look. You saw her in "The Invisible Lady" with Franchot Tone, and again with Eddie Bracken in "The Conquering Hero." But "Tall in the Saddle," with John Wayne, really got 'em.

Moody Gail Russell is Paramount's ace find of the last year. Dark, mossy soft hair, eyes full of dreams, and a trick of projecting the intangible put Gail Russell into a class by herself. She's valuable, and proved it in "The Uninvited."

Home Town Boy Type

When Metro found Van Johnson they hit a rich vein of talent ore. Metro has a second Van Johnson in Tom Drake, a dark type with the same direct, homey appeal. He'll make the register ring at the box office.

Faye Emerson has had all along what it takes to make a young star. Already she's been stepped into the 'lead role' in "Happiness," and it she wants to keep on making pictures she's set. Faye has real talent as an actress, but it took a marriage to a Roosevelt to make Warners recognize it.

You might keep your eye also on red-haired Lucille Bremer, M-G-M's most promising young dancer. She gets star billing in "Ziegfeld Follies." Then there's Metro's Gloria De Haven, hailed by the GI Joe as just what the doctor ordered for a soldier with the blues. Twentieth's June Haver has danced her way into star roles after 10 months' experience on the screen.

Of June Allyson, another Metro baby, you might say "once seen, never forgotten."

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You can shout and scream about the great discoveries of the year, but for my money Bob Walker tops 'em all. He has the homey, shy, sweet boyishness of your own son.

The year 1945 should be a lucky and a happy one for these Hollywood stars.

Six Girls Turn the Tables

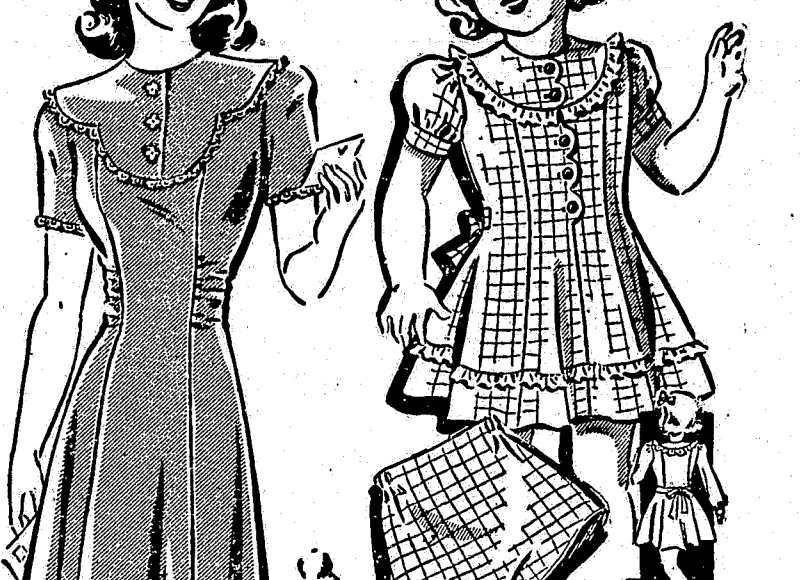
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Ernie Pyle's Slant on the War:

Rode Between Nazi Tanks In a Jeep to Safety

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American Troops Retreat

By Ernie Pyle

(Editor's Note): This dispatch was written and first published when Pyle was with the GIs at the Tunisian front. He is now on his way to cover the boys in the Pacific war zones.

THE TUNISIAN FRONT.—Capt. Jed Dailey of Sharon, Mass., got back safely in his jeep after the German breakthrough out of Faid Pass. But he had a horrible time.

He was beating it to the rear across the desert, along with the rest of the command post's personnel, when suddenly he saw a Mark Four tank staring him in the face not a hundred yards away.

The tank was stopped, the crew had the turret door open, and a German was just standing there, looking at Captain Dailey as cold as ice. It was enough to give you the creeps.

Jed swung the jeep around—and there was another Mark Four staring at him. He kept turning and dodging, but everywhere he could go he would be looking smack at the front end of a Mark Four. They just seemed to appear from nowhere, and there they'd be suddenly, until he felt like a mouse trying to get out of a room full of silent cats.

Finally Jed did the only thing left to do. He took his heart in his hand and drove right between two German tanks, with their crews sitting there at the guns and looking at him as he passed 50 yards away. They didn't shoot, and he doesn't know to this day why they didn't.

Then he stepped on that jeep and went soaring across the desert, flying over irrigation ditches you'd normally cross in low gear. German artillery got after him. They dropped an 88 on his right, and then one on his left, and then one in front of him. They had him pocketed.

When artillery does that, the next shot always gets you. But they never fired a fourth shell. He has no idea why. It was just kind of like a miracle. Things like that went on all afternoon. Finally it got dark, and a sort of safety came. But it wasn't complete safety, for German patrols were out scouring the desert for stragglers.

Jed finally got away by driving the jeep straight up over the top of a mountain and down the other side. He just missed driving over several sheer cliffs. From now on he hates Germans.

Lost Razor Blades.

Most of the men who survived the German's surprise breakthrough on the first day of the Sbeitla battle lost everything they had. Major "Satch" Elkins of College Station, Texas, came out with only the clothes on his back. But he resented most losing 300 razor blades to the Germans.

Captain Dailey swears he will get the German who is now sleeping in his bedroll. One soldier was sore as a hornet because the day before he gathered up his inertia and accomplished the nasty job of writing six long overdue letters home. Now the Germans have them, and he has that writing job to do all over.

Again, Jed Dailey lost his camera and a dozen rolls of film he had been taking for months. One of them was a foolish picture, such as the soberest of adults sometimes indulges in. He had picked some desert flowers, stuck them behind his ears, and posed for the camera making a silly face.

"The Germans will develop those films for what information they can get," he says. "And when they come to the one of an American officer with flowers behind his ears, they'll probably tell Goebbels to put it out on the radio that Americans are sissies."

One soldier told me his most vivid impression of the afternoon was seeing 10 brand new tires burning up on the wheels of a huge American truck.

"With rubber so short at home, and tires rationed," he said, "it seemed awful to see those brand new ones burning."

Another soldier said, "You damn fools, here's the sky full of planes, and the country full of tanks, and 88s dropping all around you, and you're worrying about tires!"

Lieut. Col. George Sutherland of Shreveport, La., and Lieut. Robert Simons Jr., of Columbus, Ohio, walked 29 miles across the desert.

Refugees Delayed Retreat

There were French civilian refugees on our road, but not enough to hinder traffic. Most of them walked, carrying brown suitcases and bundles. I noticed they did not carry much, so they apparently had faith in our coming back.

There were few Arabs among them. The Arabs are permanent. They get along, whoever comes to take charge of their country.

French artillery and infantry also were withdrawing. They did hinder traffic, after we were safely back at Kasserine pass and the road grew narrow and poor.

We well knew the French were the best fighters in the world. But this delaying stream of high-wheeled carts, toiling along so last-century-like, seemed symbolic of France's whole disaster.

Kathleen Norris Says:

Before You Write to Him—Think

By Kathleen Norris



He also married an English girl, whose feet, after five years of war privations, were probably solidly on the ground.

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

"MY FOLKS write me so much about trouble that I'll be dargoned if I want to go home again," writes Private Tom Willoughby, from a post somewhere in northern England. "It's got so bad," the letter goes on, "that I kind of hate to open the letters! My mother, my father, my sisters, all write me as if they'd be glad to change places with me. I wish they could, for a few weeks. I was in the hospital four weeks, I didn't write them anything about that until I was almost well. I've been over German towns in a bomber seventeen times. I've been wet and cold and scared and hungry more than once, and homesick all the time. But my letters aren't half as depressing as theirs are."

"It's all rising prices and shortages and manpower scarcity and how dull the town is in wartime, with no men to dance with and no gas to go anywhere. They tell me that the fellows who aren't in the service are getting a long head start on me in business, and that Roger and Bat have just bought darling homes out in the new development and that both their wives are having babies. Ma writes me about her arthritis, and Dad about his business troubles; the girls don't write often, but when they do it's one long yelp about not having anything to do, nor any fun, and wishing the rotten old war was over! My sisters are 17 and 15, I am 19.

"You don't know how it makes us feel, out here, to know that there's so much trouble at home. Every fellow I know wants to get home, dreams of baked beans and Main street, the local newspaper and the familiar faces. To have the lucky ones, who can stay there, knocking it all the time, is about the limit! Sometimes I think I'll make a fresh start on my own, when I get home, and live in some other place. I know all news can't be good, but I should think they could pick out enough that was decent to sort of buck us up over here."

Tom, I think so too. And I know many mothers and wives who do manage to keep their letters cheerful and inspiring. How eagerly and with what passionate delight those letters are received by our lonely, far-away boys, only those boys know. Your mother and father and sisters not only should select for you whatever pleasant news there is, but they should do something to build it up.

I mean they should definitely plan something for your homecoming that will mean a real welcome for you. One mother who wrote me had taken the room over the family garage and turned it into a study for her son, where he can come day or night to drop in for talking and an' kin; his own special part of the house, not to be used by anyone else. Before he went away he shared a room with a younger brother.

Another mother and father and sis-



Try to cheer him up...

LETTERS FROM HOME

Fighting men have enough to endure without having to read about the "hardships" back home. They depend a great deal on letters from home to keep up their morale. When these letters are merely a constant recital of complaints about shortages and rationing, difficulties of travel, and the scarcity of interesting young men, they may be worse than no letters at all.

To the man at the front, tired and homesick, and living in constant peril, these sort of letters are just one more burden. He would be better off without them.

Three Times a Day! An engaged girl, Dean Davis, writes me the other side of the picture. She is so deeply in love that she writes her George two and three times a day. George is out somewhere in the Philippines.

Three times a day, I think, is too much. Especially as George probably gets these letters in bunches of 30 or 40. Glad as he is to know that he is so constantly in your thoughts, there is a certain amount of boredom involved in opening 30 or 40 letters that all say the same thing. Three times a day, and a good healthy inclusion of clippings from the newspaper and from magazines will give him more pleasure than too much love making. One girl of whom I heard wrote such incessant and poetical letters to her young man that he answered by asking her not to expect him to match quotations from Coventry Patmore or to tell her which of Millay's poems he liked best. He also married an English girl, whose feet, after five years of war privations, were probably solidly on the ground. What we all have to do is to try to put ourselves in the places of these lonely, homesick, hard-pressed boys, and contribute what we can to their comfort, with their needs, rather than our own, in view.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

John J. Foster, Minister

9:45 Church School. Miss Ida Packard and Mrs. Loton Hutchinson, Superintendents.

11:00 Kindergarten. Class. Mrs. John Foster and Miss Lee Nary in charge.

11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon Topic "Roads That Perform Miracles." Children's story.

The Pilgrim Fellowship will meet on Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock in Garland Chapel. Rev. Robert N. Foster of Gorham, N. H. will be the speaker for the evening.

The Ladies Club will meet on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock at the Manse. A program entitled "The Gay Nineties" will be presented.

New members received into our fellowship on last Sunday morning were as follows: By Confession of Faith, Miss Ida Lee Clough and Kimball Ames. By Transfer of Letter, Mrs. Ruth Carver Ames.

METHODIST CHURCH

William Penner, Pastor

9:45 Church School. Miss Minnie Wilcox, Superintendent.

11:00 Morning Worship Service. Sermon Theme, "The Modern Good Samaritan."

6:30 Youth Fellowship meeting at home of Bob and Edna York. Program leaders, Eldon Greenleaf and Raymond York.

Eleanor Gordon Guild meets Wednesday evening at the Church at 7:30. Guest evening will be observed. Committee—Refreshments, Beatrice Brown, Barbara Luxton, Arlene G. Brown; Entertainment, Esther Brown, Julia Brown, Abigail Gill.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Services Sunday morning at 10:45.

"Sermon" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon that will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, January 14.

The Golden Text is: "The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him" (John 4:23).

The citations from the Bible include the following passages: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer" (Psalms 19:14).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following selections from the Christian Science textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy: "We should examine ourselves and learn what is the affection and purpose of the heart, for in this way only can we learn what we honestly are. We should strive to reach the Horeb height where God is revealed; and the corner-stone of all spiritual building is purity. Our baptism is a purification from all error" (Pages 8:28-30; 241, 242-27; 35, 19).

Testimonial meetings second Wednesday of every month.

BRYANT POND BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Franklin S. Keshlwater, Pastor

Miss Margaret L. Howe, Organist and Choir director.

Morning Worship, 10:30.

Sermon: The Parable of a Sick Community. Scripture, Psalm 3:1-9.

Sunday School 11:45.

Young People, 7:00.

Evening Service, 7:30.

Missionary Society meets Tuesday evening with Mrs. Porter Swan.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at Deacon Newton's.

Bible Club Friday afternoon.

Choir Rehearsal Friday evening.

BORN

At Norway, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bean of Bryant Pond, a daughter.

At Bethel, Jan. 11, to SoM3c and Mrs. James Brown, a daughter, Nancy Fay.

MARRIED

At West Paris, Jan. 8, Miss Dorothy Estes Valley of South Paris and Ulfas O. Putkinen of West Paris.

DIED

At Huntington, W. Va., Mrs. Jessie Kimball Ostrander, aged 87, a native of Bethel.

At Bryant Pond, January 10, Lewis W. Farnum, aged 73 years.

CARD OF THANKS

Through the courtesy of the Bethel Citizen, we wish to thank our Best Wishes for the coming year to all of our friends and relatives, also to the members of the Bethel Service Club, who so generously remembered us at Christmas time.

Pvt Wallace E. Morgan

Cpl Olin G. Morgan

Clarence H. Morgan, F. I. C.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the people of the town of Newry for the lovely Christmas boxes.

Pvt Pauline O. Bean

1st Lt Ina Bean Carey

To My Friends in Bethel:

It certainly was nice getting that Christmas package from Bethel people, and it was so nice to have you remember me in that way. Thank you so much and let's hope it won't be necessary to send them this year, and that we all will be back home together very soon.

Sincerely,

Pvt Mary K. Thurston

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks for the fine box sent me by the Bethel Service Club, also for the ones sent by friends and neighbors of Middle Intervale.

Pvt Thomas W. Kennaghty

Potato Picking Parson



MARS HILL, ME.—Big down-east spuds spurred Rev. V. P. Musk, above, pastor of three rural churches near here, to beat all the Methodist ministers in New England, city or country, in laying his money on the (potato) barrel-head for the denomination's current "Crusade for Christ" relief and reconstruction fund.

While following the digger to help out Aroostook County's labor shortage, Pastor Musk told his fellow potato-pickers—uppers about their \$700 share in the \$25,000,000 post-war fund. Someone said: "Let's all give 1¢ for each barrel."

The first \$114 came this way from young pickers. This inspired the farmers. Bishop Hartman of Boston reports them not only first in his area to raise their quota, but more than twice as generous as he asked.

STATE PROTECTION SERVICES

WARNED OF ROBOT AND ROCKET BOMBS

The War Department and Military and Naval Authorities have recognized the possibility of a robot attack of some sort along the Atlantic Seaboard.

In a bulletin from the State Office of Civilian Defense, members of the Protective Services, are notified that: Should a robot or rocket bomb attack occur, it will be without warning of any sort and the first intimation of the attack will be the arrival of the bomb itself.

Previous instructions issued from this Office have been based on the assumption that attack would come by air or by sea and that advance warning would be possible.

This latest military development by the enemy makes advance warning out of the question, and Chiefs of services concerned, especially Wardens, Auxiliary Police, Rescue Squads, and Emergency Medical Services should instruct their personnel to be alert to the possibility of such attack.

Should robot bombing occur, the procedure of the Maine Civilian Defense Corps will be the same as in any other war-caused disaster and concerning which ample instructions have already been given.

In this case, however, the function of the Corps would be primarily in the nature of clearing-up operations rather than preventive measures.

Being a war-caused disaster, local Commanders will immediately take charge in the area where the disaster occurs, and will cause the public alarm to be sounded to mobilize the various units of the Civilian Defense organization.

The fullest information concerning the nature of the attack, damage caused, casualties, etc., will be immediately transmitted to the Maine District Warning Center.

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Next summer America must be prepared to meet whatever epidemic emergencies may arise.

Support the Fund-Raising Appeal in your locality and send your dimes and dollars to President Roosevelt at The White House.

Many of these thousands of new victims will need care for months, years, some perhaps for a lifetime.

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